Rail Transit System in Andhra Pradesh

443. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce metropolitan Rail Transit System for urban areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any surveys have been conducted for urban transport in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and name of the areas so covered; and

(d) whether Mass Transit System is likely to be taken up in the next plan period in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh appointed M|s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES) in March, 1988 to prepare a Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for the introduction of a mass transit system in the twin cities of Hyderabad-Secundrabad. RITES have recommended provision of Light Rail Transit System in this area. The routes identified to introduce Light Rail Transit System are:

(i) Balanagar to Khairatabad

(ii) Khairatabad to Charminar

(iii) Mozamzahi Market to Dilsukhnagar

The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh have been asked to give detailed comments and clarifications regarding various assumptions made in the report and their plan regarding the funding pattern, subsidy element and economic viability of the project, etc. The report of the State Govt. on these aspects has not been received so far.

(d) Inclusion of the Pdoject in the 8th Five Year Plan will depend primarily on the resource commitment by the State Govt. and also on the size of the Eighth Plan.

Names of Irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh affected by Inter-State water Disputes

444. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Irrigation projects submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government which are severely affected due to Inter-State Water Disputes; and

(b) the details of each such disputed irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Only one project, namely Telugu Ganga Project has been affected.

(b) Telugu Ganga Project estimated to cost about Rs. 834.5 crores envisages withdrawal of 15 Thousand Million Cubic feet (TMC) of water from the Srisailam Reservoir in Andhra Pradesh drawing upon an equal share from the quota of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh for meeting drinking water needs of Madras City. It also envisages utilisation of 29 TMC of Krishna Waters and 20.2 TMC of Pennar river waters for irrigation *en route in* Ravalaseema and Nellore delta area of Andhra Pradesh. The project after techno-economic examination was put up before the Advisory Committee at its meeting held in April, 1988. Due to the objections raised by the State Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka on utilisation of 29 TMC of Krishna waters by Andhra Pradesh for irrigation purposes, the consideration of the project was deferred.

To resolve the issue, the then Union Minister of Water Resources called a meeting of the Chief Ministers of the three states on 5.4.1990. The Chief Minister of Karnataka informed that the three states have agreed to resolve the issues among themselves. The meetings of the Chief

Ministers concerned were held in 1990. At the second meeting, four alternative proposals emerged for consideration. It was also agreed in that meeting to meet again.

Financial assistance for flood protection works to Andhra Pradesh

445. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pending requests from Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance for flood protection works;

(b) the details of the proposals alongwith the extent of financial assistance sought for; and

(c) whether any proposals were cleared in 1990-91 financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Centre has not received any proposal for financial assistance on flood protection works from Andhra Pradesh Government. As per the present policy, Central Assistance is in the form of block grants and loans not attached to any sector of development or a project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बिहार में कम्प्यूटर से आरक्षण की सुविधा

446. श्री रत्नेश रंजन साहू : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में उन शहरों और रेलवे स्टेशनों की संख्या कितनी है जहां कम्प्यूटर द्वारा आरक्षण किये जाने की सुविधा उपलब्ध है ; और

(ख) बिहार के मुजफ्फरपुर शहर में यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) (क) बिहार में दो नगरों अर्थात पटना तथा धनबाद में कम्प्यूटरीकृत आरक्षण की सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं।

(ख) मुजफ्फरपुर में कम्प्यूटरीकृत आरक्षण की सुविधा प्रदान करने की फिलहाल कोई योजना नहीं है ।

Utilisation of flood waters

447. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that American and Indian Engineers have formed Gangai, Cauveri, Bhagirathi Trust at Michigan, United States of America, to formulate schemes to utilise the flood waters falling into sea in India; and

(b) if so, whether Government would utilise their help to link the Ganga-Godavari and Cauvery rivers?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes Sir, some non-resident Indians of Flint, Michigan in the United States of America have formed a non-profit organisation called "Ganga Kauveri Bhagirathi Trust". One of the objectives of the Trust is to create awareness of the problems and solutions to the water resource development and management in India and to support linkage of northern and southern river systems.

(b) The linking of Ganga and Cauvery has been examined by the Government in the past, and found to be financially prohibitive requiring large blocks of power for lifting water. As an alternative Government has prepared a National Perspective which envisages inter-linkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and for the Himalayan rivers separately.